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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 9 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our rock of safety, hear our prayers. Help us to live that the generations to come will know of Your mighty acts.

Today, give our lawmakers the hearts to seek, find, and follow Your will. Lord, guide them in the path You have created, inspiring them with the potency of Your powerful presence. May they trust You in adversity and prosperity, knowing that they will reap a productive harvest if they persevere.

Lord, we trust You to lead us with Your loving providence.

We pray in Your merciful Name.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Iowa.

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I want to talk about the World Trade Organization. I have said what I am going to say now before. So I want to say it again: The United States must reaffirm its commitment to significant reform of the World Trade Organization. The United States must move to revitalize that organization because the World Trade Organization advances the cause of free and fair global trade, and they necessarily do it because of the modern economy we are in.

It is imperative that we continue to double down on the efforts that demonstrate the United States' leadership at Geneva, the headquarters of the World Trade Organization. That includes our efforts to reform the World Trade Organization appellate body, to work on subsidies that too many countries are using, and to continue ongoing negotiations to accomplish these goals.

The World Trade Organization can and should play an important role in the global economic recovery from our virus pandemic. I urge the administration and my colleagues here in the Senate to advocate for our interests. I urge the Trump administration to confront trade distortions, and most importantly, this administration must encourage all World Trade Organization members to unite in an effort to lift us out of the nearly unprecedented global downturn we have had in trade because of the virus pandemic.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

HEALS ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Yesterday, Senate Republicans put forward the HEALS Act, our framework for another round of historic relief for American workers and families.

Our Nation stands at a challenging crossroads. We have one foot in this pandemic and one foot in the recovery. We can't go back to April, and until we have a vaccine, we can't go back to normal either. What the American people need is smart, safe, and sustainable middle ground, and they need Congress's help to construct it. That is exactly what our major proposal would do.

Everyone knows that another rescue package will need to be bipartisan to pass the Senate. So the question before the country is now really quite simple: Are we going to see the versions of House and Senate Democrats that helped us unanimously pass the CARES Act back in March, or are we, instead, going to see the same Democrats who decided to block police reform in June and lash out at Senator TIM SCOTT's proposal instead of working with him to make law? In other words, do the Speaker of the House and the Democratic leader believe that struggling Americans deserve an outcome, or do they want to stay on the sidelines and recite talking points?

Well, yesterday, even before the Democrats had seen our legislation,

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